

Mid-East Prophecy Update – January 23rd, 2011

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- For today's update, I would like to do something that we haven't done in a while, and look at a few Bible prophecy fulfilling headlines.
- What's written in the pages of the news in our generation is beginning to fulfill what's written in the pages of the Bible for our generation.

- We will first look at the news headline then, connect the dots to the prophecies in the Bible by referencing it to the specific scripture.
- It's important to know that these headlines that we will be looking at today, are recent, in that they're all within the last few days.

NEWS HEADLINE	BIBLE PROPHECY	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE
Nuclear talks with Iran break down	The Russian-Iranian led nuclear attack against Israel	Ezekiel 38-39
[Occupied] Jerusalem can never be surrendered, Khalifa says	Jerusalem will become a burden to the world	Zechariah 12:3
Michio Kaku Warns the World Citizens of Potential Mega Earthquakes	There will be earthquakes in various places	Matthew 24:7
World needs \$100 trillion more credit, says World Economic Forum	The forcing of a cashless one world economy	Revelation 13:16-17

- I think it's incumbent upon me to address something that's been on my heart for years, as it relates to Christ's return in our lifetime.
- I don't know if you've noticed this, but it seems that the Bible believing, born again Christian is now the dork, the kook, and the freak.
- Just talking about Christ's return, brings about a mocking of Christ's return. We're labeled as gloom and doom, fire and brim-stoners.

2 Peter 3:3-13 3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. NIV

- Here's what I'm thinking; we need to be as ready for the Lord's return today, as we would be if it were not for another 10 or more years.
- When we are ready for, and in anticipation of, the imminent return of Jesus Christ it will have an eternally profound impact on our lives.

1 John 3:2-3 NIV Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **(3)** Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.